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ASIA PACIFIC FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether five day 21st Asia -Pacific Forestry Commission meeting was held in India recently;

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed therein;

(c) whether India put forward any proposal in the meeting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the main decisions arrived thereat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes Sir, Twenty First Session of Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission was held from 17-21 April, 2006 at Dehradun.

(b) The important subjects discussed in the meeting are as under :-

(i) Progress towards sustainable forest management in the region

(ii) Financing sustainable forest management

(iii) The role of regional mechanisms in sustainable forest management.

(iv) Payment for environmental services.

(v) Forests and poverty reduction.

(vi) Regional issues identified by the Commission for the attention of the Committee on Forestry (COFO)

(C) & (d) No Sir, however, India has made interventions keeping national interest and sovereignty into consideration.

(e) The main decisions arrived are as under:-

(i) Inadequate financial resources were identify as key gap in achieving Sustainable Forest Management particularly in developing countries.

(ii) Need to enhance financial resources were agreed at regional as well as national level.

(iii) Exchange of information and technology transfer for achieving Sustainable Forest Management in the region.

(iv) Innovative mechanism should be developed to explore new and additional financial resources for achieving Sustainable Forest Management at National level

(v) Regional forestry commission should play role in establishing linkages between global and national level.